

House Resolution No. 174

Whereas, Gordon McCann, an esteemed resident of Springfield, Missouri, will be honored as one of five proud recipients of the 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Awards during a special presentation by Governor Bob Holden to be held February 13, 2002, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, presented each year by the Missouri Arts Council, the Missouri Arts Awards recognize individuals, art educators, businesses, and other organizations for their contributions to the arts industry and the profound effect they have upon the cultural climate of Missouri; and

Whereas, since the early 1970s, Mr. McCann has worked tirelessly to organize and promote programs, events, fieldwork projects, and policies that have brought attention, vitality, and honor to the unique arts of the Ozarks; and

Whereas, the co-producer of six CD's featuring traditional Ozarks fiddle music who owns one of the largest collections of important field recordings of traditional fiddle music in the world, Mr. McCann has compiled an enviable list of service to organizations that support the arts that include the National Endowment for the Arts, the Missouri Arts Council, and the Missouri Folklore Society; and

Whereas, a respected guitarist who is known and welcomed by hundreds of rural musicians at regional jam sessions, family gatherings, and music festivals, Gordon McCann boasts a strong commitment to the music and rich heritage of the Ozarks that is unwavering while his knowledge of regional dance, narrative, and ethnic traditions serves as an inspiration to all; and

Whereas, the co-author of the 1987 book "Ozark Folklore: An Annotated Bibliography, Vol. 2", Gordon McCann has served as a consultant and speaker on Ozarks traditional arts for national organizations such as the National Geographic Society, the Smithsonian Institute, the News-Leader, the Delta Queen Steamboat Company, Southwest Missouri State University's OzarksWatch television series, KSMU radio, and the Springfield Area Library Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Gordon McCann at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2002 Missouri Arts Council Arts Award recipient Gordon McCann.

Offered by _____
W. Craig Hosmer
State Representative 138th

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 174, adopted February 5, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker